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Security Council

10 a.m.	6004th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

   Letter dated 8 October 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/598)

Morning[1]	6005th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Women and peace and security[2]

   Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (S/2008/622)

   Letter dated 15 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/655)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6004th meeting.

[2]Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than five minutes*.

Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions

3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Consultations Room

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	33rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [19]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/93)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.4)

General Committee

3 p.m.	3rd meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [7]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by the Congo (A/63/233)

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item by Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (A/63/234)

(c) Allocation of agenda item 58 (Report of the Human Rights Council)

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 29 October 2208, from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 6* and on Friday, 31 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*. The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). Part 1 of the revised draft outcome document has been issued and is available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd/>. For further information, including background materials, please consult that Web site.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

An Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The morning interactive session will be held from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with opening remarks from the President of the General Assembly; presentations by Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (Unites States), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India), Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (Japan); exchange of views.

The afternoon interactive session will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. with presentations from Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador), Prof. Calestous Juma (Kenya), Dr. François Houtart (Belgium); exchange of views; and closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 October 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance will be held on Thursday, 30 October 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96): *item 81* (A/63/97 and A/63/97/Add.1); *item 82* (A/C.1/63/L.12*); *item 83* (A/63/62-S/2008/123 and A/C.1/63/L.3); *item 84*; *item 85* (A/63/139 and A/C.1/63/L.45); *item 86* (A/63/115 (Part I), A/63/115 (Part I)/Add.1 and A/C.1/63/L.1); *item 87* (A/C.1/63/L.7*); *item 88* (A/C.1/63/L.4); *item 89* (A/63/73-S/2008/297, A/63/91, A/63/114, A/63/114/Add.1, A/63/116, A/63/117, A/63/117/Add.1, A/63/120, A/63/120/Add.1, A/63/122, A/63/126, A/63/134, A/63/135, A/63/136, A/63/136/Add.1, A/63/153, A/63/158, A/63/158/Add.1, A/63/170, A/63/170/Add.1, A/63/171, A/63/171/Add.1, A/63/176, A/63/182, A/63/261, A/63/334, A/C.1/63/3, A/C.1/63/4, A/C.1/63/L.5, A/C.1/63/L.6, A/C.1/63/L.8, A/C.1/63/L.9, A/C.1/63/L.10, A/C.1/63/L.14, A/C.1/63/L.16*, A/C.1/63/L.17*, A/C.1/63/L.19, A/C.1/63/L.20, A/C.1/63/L.21, A/C.1/63/L.22, A/C.1/63/L.23, A/C.1/63/L.25, A/C.1/63/L.26, A/C.1/63/L.27, A/C.1/63/L.28, A/C.1/63/L.29, A/C.1/63/L.30, A/C.1/63/L.31*, A/C.1/63/L.32/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.33, A/C.1/63/L.34, A/C.1/63/L.35, A/C.1/63/L.36, A/C.1/63/L.37, A/C.1/63/L.38, A/C.1/63/L.39*, A/C.1/63/L.40, A/C.1/63/L.41, A/C.1/63/L.43*, A/C.1/63/L.44, A/C.1/63/L.51, A/C.1/63/L.52, A/C.1/63/L.54, A/C.1/63/L.56, A/C.1/63/L.57* and A/C.1/63/L.58*); *item 90* (A/63/129, A/63/157, A/63/162, A/63/163, A/63/164, A/63/178, A/C.1/63/L.13, A/C.1/63/L.15, A/C.1/63/L.24, A/C.1/63/L.42, A/C.1/63/L.46, A/C.1/63/L.49, A/C.1/63/L.50/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/L.53); *item 91* (A/63/27* (Supp. 27), A/63/42* (Supp. 42), A/63/177, A/63/279, A/C.1/63/L.47, A/C.1/63/L.48); *item 92* (A/63/115 (Part II) and A/C.1/63/L.2); *item 93* (A/C.1/63/L.31); *item 94* (A/63/138 and A/C.1/63/L.18); *item 95* (A/63/124 and A/C.1/63/L.55); and *item 96* (A/C.1/63/L.11)

[Other documents: A/C.1/63/1, A/C.1/63/2, A/C.1/63/CRP.1, A/C.1/63/CRP.2/Rev.1, A/C.1/63/INF/1, A/C.1/63/CRP.3**, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.1*, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.2, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.3, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.4, A/C.1/63/CRP.3/Add.5 and A/C.1/63/CRP.4]

[*Note:* The list of side events during the session of the First Committee can be consulted at <www.un.org/disarmament/HomePage/docs/2008/63_session_side_events.pdf>.]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (A/63/13, A/63/375, A/63/315, A/63/269 and A/63/317) . . . . . [29]

Interactive dialogue

General debate

[*Note:* The Web site of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) is now accessible for delegations at <https://4thcommittee.unlb.org>. The username is the same as that for e-Meets and passwords are also the same but with the addition of *a zero at the end*. For queries and comments regarding the Web site, please contact Mr. Dino Del-Vasto (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; e-mail del-vasto@un.org); or Mr. John Pabon (tel. 1 (917) 367-3449; e-mail pabon@un.org).]

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Globalization and interdependence (A/C.2/63/4) . . . . . [51]

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (A/63/333 and A/C.2/63/3)

(b) International migration and development (A/63/265 and A/63/265/Corr.1)

(c) Culture and development

(d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (A/63/88, A/63/86 and CAC/COSP/2008/15)

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/63/256)

Introductory statements, followed by "question time"

General discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . 22nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Globalization and interdependence (A/C.2/63/4) . . . . . [51]

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (A/63/333 and A/C.2/63/3)

(b) International migration and development (A/63/265 and A/63/265/Corr.1)

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(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/63/256)

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

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Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.]

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of human rights (A/63/123, A/63/370-S/2008/614 A/63/281-S/2008/431 and A/C.3/63/5) . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/63/259, A/63/272, A/63/287, A/63/293, A/63/293/Corr.1, A/63/299, A/63/365, A/63/340, A/63/337, A/63/367, A/63/486, A/63/161, A/63/223, A/63/263, A/63/270, A/63/271, A/63/274, A/63/275, A/63/278, A/63/286, A/63/288, A/63/289, A/63/290*, A/63/292, A/63/313 and A/63/318)

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/63/332, A/63/459, A/63/356, A/63/322, A/63/341, A/63/326 and A/C.3/63/4)

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (A/63/264 and A/63/264/Corr.1)

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Development related activities (A/62/708, A/62/7/Add.40, A/63/335 and A/63/479))

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) . . . . . [75]

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 99 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission . . . [73]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.10

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session (A/63/10) . . . . . [75]

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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund
2. Executive session

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

There will be a country-specific meeting (open) on Burundi *today*, 29 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to be followed by an informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Third Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Combating defamation of religions" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (under agenda item 39) (convened by the delegation of Jordan)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions" (under agenda item 67 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Human rights and extreme poverty" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Peru)

1.15–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the Ombudsman and mediation institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on "Myanmar" (under agenda item 64 (c)) (convened by the delegation of France)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Year for Human Rights Learning" (under agenda item 64 (b) (convened by the delegation of Benin)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Moratorium on the use of the death penalty" (under item 64 (b)) (Third committee) (convened by the delegations of Chile and Gabon)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 29 October 2008

JUSCANZ Group

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters; and humanitarian assistance)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

OIC Group (Third Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Rio Group (Second Committee on the financial crisis)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

3.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (on how the Convention constitutes a systemic and worldwide response to global environmental challenges)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in October and November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 30 October 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Interactive Panel on the Global Financial Crisis

9–9.15 a.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Opening remarks by the President of the General Assembly

9.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel discussion I

Presentations by: Prof. Joseph Stiglitz (United States), Prof. Prabhat Patnaik (India), Prof. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (Japan); and exchange of views

3–5.45 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel discussion II

Presentations by: Dr. Pedro Páez (Ecuador), Prof. Calestous Juma (Kenya), Dr. François Houtart (Belgium); and exchange of views

5.45–6 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Closing remarks by the President of the General Assembly

Plenary

10 a.m. . . . . 34th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice . . . . . [66]
   (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/63/4)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/229)
2. Report of the International Criminal Court . . . . . [69]
   (a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/323)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/471)

Main Committees

First Committee

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to the secretariat of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

Second Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

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Third Committee

Listed below is the tentative schedule (subject to change) for introductory statements by Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives, Independent Experts and Chairpersons of Working Groups who will be presenting reports to the Third Committee:

Monday, 3 November 2008
10 a.m.

H.E. Ms. Najat Al-Hajjaji, Chairperson of the Durban Review Conference Preparatory Committee; Ms. Fatimata-Binta Victoire Dah, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (oral report); and Mr. Githu Muigai, Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

3 p.m.

Mr. Alexander Ivanovich Nikitin, Chairperson of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

List of speakers

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Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Mr. Moncef Khane, Secretary of the Third Committee (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms for informal consultations on Third Committee matters are requested to contact Ms. Maria Thompson (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; tel. 1 (917) 367-2603).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 30 October 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 240th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 31 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations of Member States that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3425C; fax 1 (212) 963-6430; e-mail sinha1@un.org) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Conference of States Parties

First session

The first session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be held on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1p.m., and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The election of twelve members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place on Monday, 3 November. The provisional agenda for the Conference is contained in document CRPD/CSP/2008/2. The draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference of States parties to the Convention will be issued as document CRPD/CSP/2008/3. The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914). Further information may be found at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crpd/crpds1.htm>.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the strategic framework for collaborative relationships and partnerships, on Friday, 31 October 2008, from 9 to 10.30 a.m., at the Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Eurasian Economic Community (under agenda item 114 (j)) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Foreign Policy and Global Health (under agenda item 44) (convened by the delegation of South Africa)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (under agenda item 114 (l)) (convened by the delegation of Namibia)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Second Committee

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international strategy for disaster reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CDB) (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable economic development and international cooperation (under agenda item 49) (convened by the delegation of Turkmenistan)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the Caribbean Sea (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Guatemala)

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 6 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Monday, 10 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8, entitled "International cooperation against the world drug problem" (under agenda item 98) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B;

Monday, 3 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Egypt)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.5, entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 55 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.10, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.9, entitled "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" (under agenda item 97) (convened by the delegation of Belarus)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance" (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Russian Federation)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Protection of migrants" (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 7 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Trafficking in women and girls" (under agenda item 56 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 4 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Other forthcoming meetings

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African Group (Third Committee experts)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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DPI/NGO briefing entitled "Disarmament: Old questions, fresh answers"

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Albert Lee, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail section1d@un.org).]

Discussion on "Changing nature of conflict: Are children well protected under international humanitarian law?" (organized by the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC))

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All Member States and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Fernando Falcon (tel. 1 (917) 367-8234; e-mail falcon@un.org; or Mr. Luca Solimeo (tel. 1 (917) 367-3563; e-mail solimeo@un.org.)]

UNU briefing on "An interactive dialogue on UNU New York programs: Present and future" (organized by the United Nations University Office at the United Nations, New York)

Thursday, 30 October 2008, from 1.30 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and to register, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Ms. Dini Silveira, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail dini@ony.unu.edu).]

Panel discussion on the African Union-International IDEA Joint Activity Plan in support of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union)

Friday, 31 October 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pomerantz (tel. 1 (212) 286-1084; e-mail j.pomerantz@idea.int).]

Special event on "Enhancing Pacific connectivity" (organized by UN-OHRLLS, in partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, United Nations Development Programme)

Wednesday, 5 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nelly Ahouilihoua, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4283; e-mail ahouilihoua@un.org).]

OLA /UNITAR seminar on the undertaking of treaty actions and the registration of treaties

Tuesday, 11 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.15 p.m.; and

Wednesday, 12 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

[To register for this seminar, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Forthcoming meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework
United Nations Office at Vienna

The Open-Ended Ad Hoc Expert Group of the United Nations Forum on Forests to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework will meet in Vienna from Monday, 10, to Friday, 14 November 2008. In order to facilitate the issuance of identification badges by the United Nations Office at Vienna, Member States are requested to communicate the composition of their Delegations to the secretariat of the Forum (fax 1 (917) 367-3186; room DC1-1245; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401 and 1 (212) 963-3160). For further information, please visit the UNFF Web site at <www.un.org/esa/forests/>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may

be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 28 October 2008

Security Council

6002nd meeting (closed) *Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 6002nd meeting, held in private on 28 October 2008, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by the President of the International Court of Justice'.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Judge Rosalyn Higgins, President of the International Court of Justice.

"Members of the Council and Judge Higgins had an exchange of views."

6003rd meeting *Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan*

Report of the Secretary-General on the deployment of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2008/659)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the representative of the Sudan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Alain Le Roy, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, and to Ms. Susana Malcorra, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support.

The Council heard briefings by Mr. Le Roy and Ms. Malcorra.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Sudan.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

First Committee

19th meeting The Committee began its third stage of work, namely the "Action on all draft resolutions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 81 to 96)".

The Chairperson made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mongolia, France, Mexico, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Draft resolutions were introduced by the representatives of Mongolia ("Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status"), Mexico ("United Nations conference to identify appropriate ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament (decision)") ("Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty") and the Islamic Republic of Iran ("Missiles").

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Indonesia, Israel, France (on behalf of the European Union), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.1 was adopted without a vote.

Preambular paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.2 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 157 to 4, with 5 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.2, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 159 to 5, with 7 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.5 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 134 to 3, with 32 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.15 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 110 to 50, with 11 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.16* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 108 to 50, with 13 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.19 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 118 to 30, with 22 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.27 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 112 to 9, with 50 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.28 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.38 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 145 to 1, with 20 abstentions.

Preambular paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.40 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 157 to 2, with 8 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.40, as a whole, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 161 to 3, with 8 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.54 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 121 to 3, with 45 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.55 was adopted, by a recorded vote of 168 to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Draft decision A/C.1/63/L.58* was adopted, by a recorded vote of 163 to 4, with 6 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Colombia, Singapore, China, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, Lithuania, Cuba, Israel, Brazil, Switzerland, Australia, Japan, Canada and France.

The Chairperson made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the Sudan who informed the Committee that his delegation had intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.38 adopted at the 19th meeting.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

18th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [31]

General debate

The Committee concluded its general debate on this agenda item with statements by the representatives of Costa Rica, India, Egypt, Yemen, Ghana, Swaziland, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Singapore, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Kuwait, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Peru.

Second Committee

19th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [38]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.5

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document.

Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.2/Rev.1

The representative of Ethiopia introduced the draft resolution, after which the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1

The representative of Turkmenistan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as India, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Mongolia.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: Industrial development cooperation . . . . . [53 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.4

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development: . . . . . [49]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item as a whole and heard statements by the representatives of India, Cuba, Jamaica, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Guatemala, Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, Ecuador, Peru, the Marshall Islands, Malta, Monaco, Cameroon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, Argentina, Pakistan and Nigeria.

A statement was also made by the observer for the Holy See.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

20th meeting

Sustainable development. . . . . [49]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Botswana and Chile.

A statement was made by the representative of the International Organization for Migration.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the World Meteorological Organization.

Implementation of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [50]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Kenya (on behalf of the African Group), Bangladesh, Indonesia, China, India, Ethiopia, Nigeria and the Russian Federation.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

Third Committee

28th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commission for Human Rights and the Officer-in-Charge of the Disability Unit of the Division for Social Policy and Development.

The representatives of Yemen, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Sudan posed questions and made comments to the presenters.

The Committee began its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and the associated countries), New Zealand (on behalf of CANZ), Qatar (on behalf of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC)), Papua New Guinea (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), Cuba, Brazil, Bangladesh, Mexico, the Russian Federation, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Colombia, Maldives, Japan and Belarus.

29th meeting

Indigenous issues . . . . . [61]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.17

The representative of Guatemala introduced the draft resolution, also on behalf of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay and Peru.

Implementation of human rights instruments rights . . . . . [64 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.18

The representative of Denmark introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed and Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Ghana, San Marino and Slovakia.

The Republic of Moldova and Timor Leste joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of human rights . . . . . [64]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, Malaysia, China, Chile, Norway, India, Singapore, Georgia, Switzerland, Tonga, Morocco, Kazakhstan, Peru, the Philippines, Pakistan, Togo and Nepal, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, Sri Lanka, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and Georgia.

Fifth Committee

13th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations . . . . . [120]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

The Chairman informed the Committee that this statement would be issued shortly as a report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization under agenda item 120 (Improving the financial situation of the United Nations); and that the general discussion on this item will be held the following week.

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations

The Assistant-Secretary-General, Controller, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/806).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/496).

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, the United States and Singapore.

The Assistant-Secretary-General, Controller, responded to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held in conjunction with the informal consultations on Information Technology under the chairmanship of Ms. Sharon Ho (Malaysia).

Sixth Committee

17th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session . . [75]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 75.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Mexico, Malaysia, El Salvador, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Argentina, Australia, Hungary, Kenya, Canada, Greece, India, Poland and China.

Corrigendum

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Corrigendum to the summary of the 32nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2008/210, page 24): The second paragraph under agenda item 80, *should read* as follows:

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Japan, the Philippines, Angola, Ethiopia, Thailand, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea and Benin.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Sweden (28 October 2008)

Ratification: Sweden (28 October 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *October 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Zachary Muburi-Muita

Asian States:
Indonesia
H.E. R.M. Marty Natalegawa

Eastern European States:
Romania
H.E. Mrs. Simona Mirela Miculescu

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Brazil
H.E. Mrs. Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. John Paul Kavanagh

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A/63/499	Item 45 — Culture of peace — Letter dated 22 October 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/500	Item 64 — Promotion and protection of human rights — Letter dated 20 September 2008 from the Permanent Representatives of Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Norway and Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/502–S/2008/669	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 21 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/505	Item 152 — Observer status for the Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation in the General Assembly — Letter dated 8 October 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.6/Add.1	Item 80 — Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency — Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Kuwait, Lithuania, Malaysia, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and United States of America: draft resolution — Albania, Angola, Armenia, Australia, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, India, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan,

Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland [A C E F R S]

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A/C.1/63/L.17* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E R S (only)]

A/C.1/63/L.31* Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

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A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1 Item 49 — Sustainable development — Afghanistan, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan: revised draft resolution — Reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable development and international cooperation [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.6 Item 53 (b) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/63/2 Item 126 — United Nations pension system — Investments of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and steps and efforts undertaken to increase diversification — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/3 Item 123 — Human resources management — Views of the staff representatives of the United Nations Secretariat — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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A/C.5/63/3/Add.2 Item 123 — Human resources management — Views of the staff representatives of the United Nations Secretariat: Staff Union (New York), Field Staff Union (Brindisi) and Staff Coordinating Council (United Nations Office at Geneva) [A C E F R S]

A/C.5/63/8 Item 105 (f) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments — Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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S/2008/670	Report of the Secretary-General on the request of Nepal for United Nations assistance in support of its peace process [A C E F R S]
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